THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Committee has been constituted with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in the lead role to prepare a concept paper and to decide parameters for setting up of training institute for marine police personnel. No location has been identified yet.

(c) to (e) Government to Kerala has been informed that the proposal of Marine Police Training Institute is stilll at a conceptual stage and hence the proposal of the State Government to establish Training Institute of marine personnel at Kannur district will be considered at appropriate stage.

Delay in tsunami reconstruction work

1712. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tsunami reconstruction work has been abnormally delayed owing to lack of Centre's timely support, especially for Andaman and Nicobar Island and the Southern States which were ravaged by this natural calamity last;

(b) whether the delay in sanction of projects, award of tenders and completion of work, has not only an adverse impact on road infrastructure, but also affected tourism in the above Islands; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to speed up restoration work to remove the economy of the tsunami-ravaged regions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seat for Limbu and Tamang (Tribal Groups) in Sikkim Legislative Assembly

1713.SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that despite various requests received from the State Government of Sikkim, there has not been made so far any allotment of seat for Limbu and Tamang (Tribal groups) in Sikkim Legislative Assembly;

(b) if so, the specific reasons for the delay and the reaction of Government's thereto;

(c) the time schedule for allotment of seat in Sikkim Legislative Assembly for those two tribal groups; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The population of Limbu and Tamang has not been enumerated in the State at 2001 Census as these two were not listed in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Sikkim applicable at the time of the Census. The Limbu and Tamang were notified as Scheduled Tribes in

Sikkim in January, 2003 *vide* the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2002. The Sikkim Scheduled Tribes list was modified after the 2001 Census Operations were over in the State. Therefore, the population of both Limbu and Tamang in Sikkim in respect of 2001 census is not available.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the government in the light of the above stated position. The government is working on various possible options to deal with the issue to satisfaction of all the concerned sections of the society in Sikkim.

Strengthening SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk

1714. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three-day South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Home Ministers' meeting was held in New Delhi and decided to set up an institutional mechanism to enhance cooperation among SAARC Nations to meet the growing challenge of terrorism in the region;

(b) if so, what are the decisions taken; and

(c) whether India has offered to help in strengthening the SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Second South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Interior/Home Ministers meeting was held in New Delhi on 25th October, 2007. This Meeting was preceded by the Second Meeting of SAARC Interior/Home Secretaries on 24th October, 2007 and Sixth conference on Cooperation in Police Matters on 23rd October, 2007. The meeting/conference resolved to fight terrorism, organized crime, money laundering and other serious forms of crime and to strengthen existing institutional mechanisms for accelerating cooperation through capacity building, intelligence sharing etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. India offered to help in strengthening the SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk (STOMD), which is located in Colombo, Sri Lanka. A team of experts from India is likely to visit Sri Lanka early next year to work out a proposal for the strengthening of STOMD.

Main facets of terrorism

1715. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that main facets of terrorist in the country are, I.S.I. sponsored Jihadi terrorism across Pak Border in J and K; Terrorism by Bangladeshi infiltrators; Naxalite Terrorism; Terrorism by banned organisation namely LeT, SIMI, Dawood Ibrahim etc. and Terrorism Insurgency in N.E.;